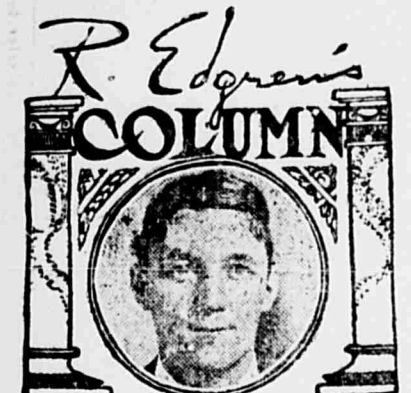


STORIES OF SPORTS TOLD BY EXPERTS BEST SPORTING PAGE IN NEW YORK UP TO DATE, NEWSY AND WELL WRITTEN

PETER MAHER, THE PERPETUAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF IRELAND

His Claim on the Title Still Holds Good—The Word "Wallop" Was Coined to Describe His Punch.

No. 15 in Series "Champions on I Have Known"



THE word "wallop" was coined especially to describe the sort of punch delivered by Peter Maher. When Peter began fighting there was no word in the English or the Irish language that seemed fit. "Punch," "blow," "thump," "smash," "soak" and all the other old-time fighting terms failed to create any adequate impression of the thing Peter did to anyone he landed on. Finally, some one sitting at a flag-side invented the word "wallop," and it caught on. There's something about "wallop" that reminds one of the double-jointed sound of Peter's glove landing and the back of the victim's skull bouncing on the floor.

The only excuse for including Peter Maher in this list of ring notables is that he is a champion. Peter has been, was, and always will be the perpetual heavyweight champion of Ireland. No matter how many times Peter is knocked out that title sticks to him.

THE first time I ever saw Peter was in the old Baldwin Hotel, in San Francisco. Peter was sitting on a trunk in his room, waiting for some one to come up and offer him a fight. His trunk was painted a lead color, and on the ends, top and sides—perhaps on the bottom—two were painted, in bold letters, the words, "Peter Maher, Champion of Ireland." Peter still has the trunk.

Gus Ruhlin claimed the title after knocking Peter out, but Philadelphia wouldn't stand for the transfer. Peter still holds the title, too.

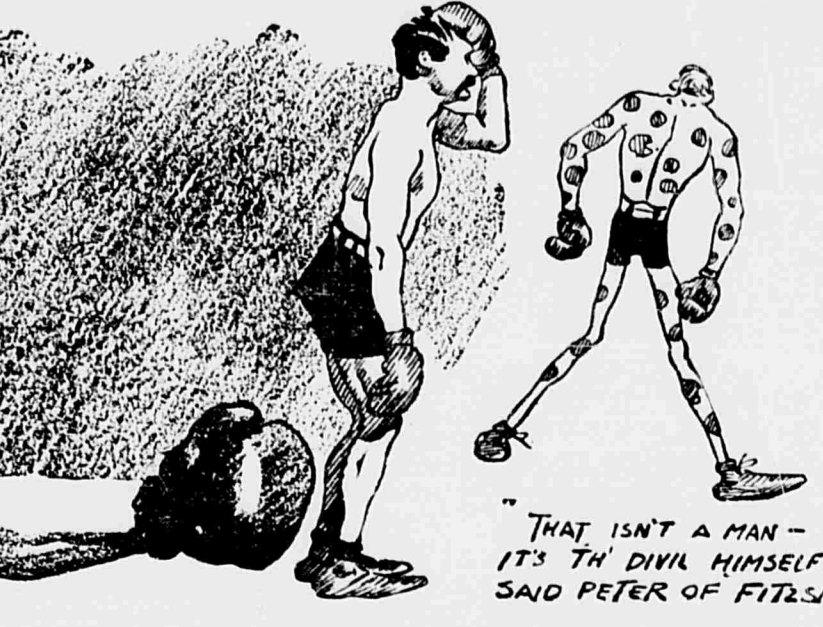
And there was a time when Peter could fight. Too bad Peter isn't in the ring now. What a muss he'd make among the heavyweights!

Maher always had a "wallop" on tap. Wherever he threw that right hand from it was a knockout. I've seen him hit a man so hard on the jaw that he turned half a somersault and landed on his head with his heels in the air.

Peter Maher, Champion of Ireland.



R. Edgren.



25% OF THE GROSS? THE GIVE ME 30% OF THE NET

PETER NEVER WAS A TOMMY BURNS FOR BUSINESS.

"THAT ISN'T A MAN—IT'S TH' DEVIL HIMSELF," SAID PETER OF FITZSIMMONS.

MAHER began fighting in Ireland. This was just about the time that Billy Madden had a split with John L. Sullivan and began a tour of the world looking for a man to whip the champion. Naturally Madden went to Ireland first. There he happened to sight Peter Maher, and in a few days the Irish champion was on the ocean bound for America. Somehow Peter never fought Sullivan. Perhaps that was just as well, as Jim Corbett's picture looked better on the theatrical posters than Peter's would have anyway.

Maher has always been an in-and-outter. Sometimes he fought like a gamecock, and on other occasions he managed to fall with his head gently pillowed on both hands and lay there listening until the count was over. His fight here in New York was one of the toughest on record. It was nip and tuck all the way, and both winging 'em as fast as they knew how.

Peter fought Bob Fitzsimmons down near the border. Fitz nearly killed him. In the middle of the fight Peter looked across the ring at Fitz and told his seconds that he didn't care to exchange compliments with the freckled wonder any more. "That's no man at all, at all," said Maher anxiously. "He's th' devil himself in disguise." Peter was superstitious.

Peter wasn't a scholar or a lightning calculator. At a fight in Fitz he came North. Fitz came straight to New York. A New York club manager offered Fitzsimmons and Maher 25 per cent. of the gross receipts each to fight six rounds. Fitz accepted, but not so Peter. Peter wired back that 25 per cent. was the gross, not the net. He wouldn't touch a battle wouldn't cause of selling his valuable services for less than 30 per cent. Tim Hurst happened to be in consultation with the club manager. "Wire the ignorant big chunk an offer of 30 per cent. of the net," advised Hurst. The manager did. Maher came on trustfully and boxed. All through the bout Maher had the fall of his eye on the "house." He was expecting to go to the box office expecting to grab about \$3,000. He got \$200.

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ENTRY blanks are out for the annual athletic carnival of the Irish-American Athletic Club, to be held at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, Feb. 8. The programme is attractive as usual, containing eight open events, four special events and four relay races. The open events are a 60-yard handicap, 300-yard handicap, 440-yard novice, 1,000-yard handicap, one and one-half mile run, one mile walk, throwing the 56-pound weight, and running high jump. The special events include 80-yard high hurdles, 60-yard scratch run, five mile scratch run, and pole vault for height.

The relay races are: 40-yard for schoolboys (30-pound class); two mile relay race, handicap; one mile intercollegiate relay race, and a one mile race open to relay teams from mercantile houses.

The programme is arranged with the view of bringing out the cream of the athletic world. The intercollegiate relay race, a scratch event, will bring entries from Yale, Harvard, Cornell, Penn., Columbia, and possibly Princeton. Taylor, the dusky flyer of the house.

A new Bulletin Girl Calendar next Sunday. Every person who got last Sunday's Bulletin Calendar will want for the fire and did not get last Sunday's should start now. Get the set. Ten colors. Extra quality paper.

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SPORT NEWS IN SMALL PORTIONS

IN A FINELY PLAYED GAME THE basketball team of the College of the City of New York defeated the five from Swarthmore College last night in the C. C. N. Y. gymnasium, 35 to 20. Barham, Streasand, Heskowitz and Griffin played brilliantly.

THE POLY INSTITUTE BASKETBALL team, which defeated the Pennsylvania five last week, will play Swarthmore College to-night at the Poly Institute, Brooklyn. The Livingston street players are in the best of form and believe they will defeat the Quakers.

PHIL KEARNEY AND T. YALE Sarony, the speed skaters, will compete in some time trials today on the ice of the Riverside Outdoor Rink, One Hundred and Thirtieth street, near Amsterdam avenue. The programme of races and hockey matches scheduled for the winter and spring term, Meridian, will be held today.

EDWARD McLAUGHLIN DEFEATED Arthur Marotte, the Canadian champion, in the fourth night's play of their 1,000-point billiard contest, 152 style, at Maurice Day's Academy, Thirty-fourth street and Broadway, last night. The winner scored 39 points in thirty-nine minutes, while Marotte made 20 in thirty-eight minutes. McLaughlin's high score was 55, with an average of 17.5. The contest was the first of a series of four, which will continue through the week.

YALE'S ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE from the system of using captains for head coach in football reminds one that Knox (1907), Stillman (1908), Swan (1902) and Rockwell (1901) were not captains.

CHICAGO UNIVERSITY HAS LOST N. A. Merriam, the crack quarter-mile hurdler, who did not return to college for the winter and spring term. Merriam, however, will continue his training and use of his new gymnasium for the game.

THIS WILL BE A GREAT DAY FOR the admirers of soccer, as there are several games slated to be played. The football between the Crescent A. C. and Staten Island teams will come off at Livingston, St. L., while the Brooklyn and Philadelphia will play at Marquette oval, Brooklyn, and the champion Queens and the eleven of the steamship company will play at Van Cortlandt Park.

THE TWO MILE MILITARY RELAY race for the Judge Claiborne Cup, which is one of the feature events of the athletic carnival of the Brooklyn Athletic Club, was awarded the decision over Arthur Cote in the second round of their bout last night, which was scheduled for the first round.

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BASEBALL PIPES OUT, NOW FOR THE GAME

Most Midwinter Rumors Have Died Natural Death.

BY ROZEMAN BULGER.

THE winter league is rapidly coming to a close, and pretty soon we'll be playing baseball in the same old way and with the same old leaders as we did last year and the year before. The retirement of McGraw, the release of Griffith, the dropping of Chase and Bresnahan and all that sort of thing has been thoroughly threshed out, and they are going right ahead with the game in regulation style.

These grave situations, as a rule, arise in December, but this year, as there were no championships to discuss, the annual crises in baseball were springing in October and were worked overtime, until now, when the teams are beginning to get ready to play. The solemn ceremony of interring them will take place in a few days, but they will be carefully preserved so as to rise again next winter. The fans will fall for it just the same in the future as they have in the past. The elasticity of the currency can't hold the bottle to the fan who wishes to enter the ring and stretch himself into any form of satisfaction.

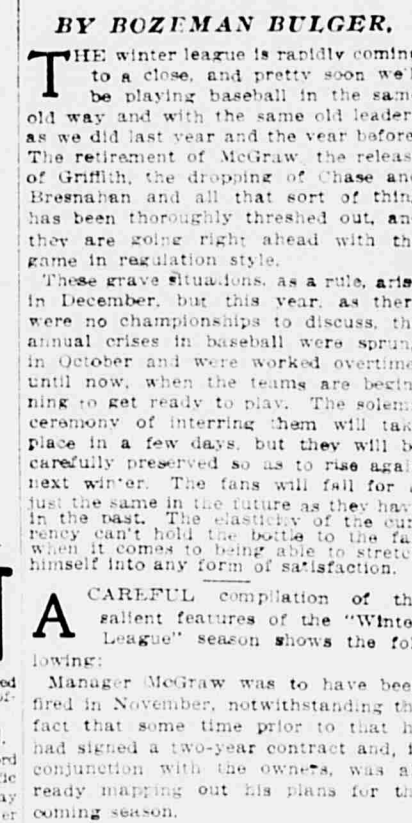
CAREFUL compilation of the salient features of the "Winter League" season shows the following:

Manager McGraw was to have been fired in November, notwithstanding the fact that some time prior to that he had signed a two-year contract, and in conjunction with the owners, was already mapping out his plans for the coming season.

George Stallings et al. were to have supplanted Clark Griffith in October. This, too, in full view of the fact that Griffith was under contract for another year and had already purchased many players.

In November Roger Bresnahan was to have been kicked out of the New York Club on account of a "sore" and distinct vendetta between him and McGraw, which could not be reconciled. At that time McGraw and Bresnahan, who are warm personal friends, were preparing some practical jokes to be played on the one supplanting the other at the spring training.

During the month of October, November and December Hal Chase quit the major league ball on fifteen separate and distinct occasions, owned a cat in San Francisco, played under an assumed name and defied the National Commission. These announcements were just a little behind Chase's agreement to



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sign a two years' contract, and the fact that in December he had written ahead to have a flat rented in New York that he might live near the ball ground on Washington Heights. He had also written to a friend here concerning his ambition to lead the American League as a better next season.

Several players were to have quit the game in December to accept positions as directors of banking institutions or something like that, unless they got \$500 instead of \$100, the said players never having received more than \$300 in their lives.

One of the most interesting facts recorded during this season of strenuousness was that several pitchers had been engaged by both clubs who were "big, strapping fellows, with good control, heads and feet on different feet." In addition to this, they were always "in there working and ready to learn, as well as being able to stand up to the plate and meet the ball squarely." As these were all the requirements of a good pitcher, the description surely could settle the "hope" that they would make good.

WHERE it met a little ahead of time I would take pleasure in announcing the ceremony entitled "The Annual Passing of the Phenoms." The incoming stars always ride on the high horse of publicity until May, when they usually fold their tents and silently steal away. Then the old timers get back into the headlines, and baseball proceeds along its accustomed way.

McGraw is now on his way to the West, where he will take a vacation before proceeding to Marlin Springs, Tex., on Feb. 20, where he will meet his young players. The other players will report to their clubs later.

In this connection it might be added that the veterans are getting to be like the boys. They can hardly wait for the sound of the umpire's voice, when they will find themselves back in harness.

ABRAHAM MAXIMILIAN NABON, secretary of the Highland, has been busy for the last ten days or more writing to the new players for photographs of themselves to be hung in the hall of fame. He received yesterday. They were of Rubie Zeller, a pitcher from Atlanta, and Catcher Sweeney, from the same place. The photographs consist of clippings from the Official Score Card at the Atlanta Park. One is a caricature of Zeller holding a bunch of bats in his mouth, and the other is a sketch of Sweeney, who is a striking likeness to a dark night. They will be given out simultaneously with the next message of the president.

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COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW York men are taking great interest in the organization of a swimming team, this college having been admitted to the Intercollegiate Association. Coach Kennedy is getting plenty of good material to work upon.

MEMBERS OF THE Y. Y. XAVIER A. C. will present "Caught by the Gun" at the Little Hall, Sixth avenue and Forty-second street, Monday evening, Jan. 20. The programme will follow.

THE GYMNASIUM SCHEDULE FOR New York University team, winner of the Interscholastic and A. A. U. honors last year, begins Jan. 1 at Harvard, and will continue at Columbia in March 20.

THE BERGEN BEACH GUN CLUB will hold two more shoots for the F. A. Stone Trophy on Feb. 12 and March 7.

TO ROW 1,000 MILES IN NEWSPAPER BOAT

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, a former Harlem River oarsman, now at St. Augustine, Fla., has collected newspaper clippings from all over the country from which he proposes to construct a cruising ship in which he will row to New York next spring. The boat will be about twenty feet in length, twenty inches beam and six inches deep. It will be formed in a mould, about twenty thicknesses of the newspapers being compressed to form a paper which will be harder and stronger than the ordinary cedar shell. Johnson made a similar trip in 1888, using oystercrabs built for the race.

While the matter is still before the Secretary of the Navy for approval, the Annapolis schedule is being arranged with a view of avoiding any conflicting dates which would prevent the midshipmen from entering the intercollegiate regatta at Annapolis. Sixty candidates have reported so far.

Young James Ten York has completely won the election that he has had since

CUE EXPERTS ARE GETTING READY FOR BIG GAMES

FOR the first time this season two of the leading billiards in America will begin their practice in New York for their coming match contest for the world's championship trophy at 152 mark line, George Sutton, the holder, playing at Slosson's and Ora Morningstar at Maurice Day's. The date for the match game is Monday, Jan. 27, at Lenox Lyceum.

Sutton will begin his practice Thursday, playing 200 points each night for ten nights with Slosson. Morningstar will have a harder time in meeting Day, Sam Ganssner and any other cue expert who may want to test his skill.

Thomas Huston, world's champion pool player, and Jerome Keegan, of Buffalo, former holder of the cue championship, will play for a match contest in St. Louis in February. Both players are in the city for a tournament at 152 mark line with valuable prizes, and a large entry is expected.

The first of a series of contests for the Billiard championship will be held at the Riverside, One Hundred and sixteenth street and Seventh avenue, on Jan. 23, at 10 o'clock, with a large entry and valuable prizes, and a large entry is expected.

A tournament is in progress at Kenner's, Knickerbocker, and in progress in which all the players are over extensive years of age. There are eight entries.

Hopps and Slosson are still being the best of the game, but they are being outplayed by the new stars. Now it is a question of who will win the title, and who will win the title.

Maurice Day says the season is billiards is the best season in the history of the game. It is a great season for the game, and a great season for the game.

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